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SPQEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Scheme to Provide Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) being implemented by the Government;
(b) the guidelines and criteria to avail the benefits of the scheme;
(c) the funds released/utilized for the scheme during the last three years and the current year; and
(d) the number of beneficiaries of this scheme during the above period, State and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Human Resource Development runs a scheme namely Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) for providing financial assistance to encourage traditional institutions like Madarsas and Maktqabs introduce modern education through subjects as science, mathematics, social studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum through support for a maximum of three teachers and books, teaching learning materials and computer labs. The scheme aims at providing madarsa students education comparable with national standards, for which affiliation with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is integral to the scheme. The scheme is voluntary in nature and madarsas have the choice to opt for the scheme. SPQEM is a demand driven scheme and the Central Government releases the funds to the State Government on receipt of eligible proposals from them. The State Government further releases the funds to the concerned madarsas and obtains utilization certificates of the same.

(c) Funds released during the last three years and the current year are as under:-
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S.No. Year Grant released under SPQEM (Rs. in Lakhs)
1 2012-13 18249.26
2 2013-14 18273.00
3 2014-15 10783.39
4 2015-16 (as on date) 1770.54
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(d) A Statement showing the no. of beneficiaries of SPQEM Scheme during the last three years and the current year State-wise and Year-wise is at Annexure-I.

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